

One-Day Workshop on Effective Implementation of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan Held in Lucknow

Lucknow, March 10, 2025: A one-day workshop on the effective implementation of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) was held on Monday at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow. Hosted by the Uttar Pradesh Government's investment promotion and facilitation agency—Invest UP, in collaboration with BISAG-N (MeitY), the event focused on insights, case studies, and best practices for using the Gati Shakti platform for comprehensive economic and social sector planning. Over 300 government officials from various districts and departments, including core departments like PWD, Energy, UPEIDA, and social sectors such as Health, Education, and Skill Development, etc, attended the workshop to gain insights.

Two technical sessions were held during the workshop on the following topics: *"Demonstration on Enhancing PM Gati Shakti for Holistic Economic and Social Sector Planning"* and *"Leveraging SMP/DMP Platforms for Infrastructure & Social Planning: Experiences, Best Practices, and Future Roadmap."* A short film showcasing the accomplishments of PM Gati Shakti in Uttar Pradesh was also presented during the session.

The Chief Guest, **Shri Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi', Hon'ble Minister of Industrial Development, Export Promotion, and NRI**, highlighted the importance of the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan in the planning and execution of development projects. He commended the efforts of all stakeholders and agencies involved in mapping this extensive ground-level data, which will facilitate gap analysis and promote the equitable distribution of resources.

He noted that Uttar Pradesh, with its robust infrastructure—including the largest railway network, expressways, and operational international airports—is transforming its landlocked status into a strategic advantage, making it a preferred investment destination.

Hon'ble Minister further emphasized that India is a globally preferred investment destination and within India, Uttar Pradesh is leading the way. With investor-friendly policies under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, the state is transitioning from 'Uttam Pradesh' to 'Sarvottam Pradesh.'

Hon'ble Minister, Science and Technology, Shri Anil Kumar, focused on the holistic economic and social sector planning enabled by PM Gati Shakti. He emphasized that the master plan is a powerful tool for improving connectivity and attracting investments, which will enhance the competitiveness of both the state and the nation. PM Gati Shakti will propel Uttar Pradesh toward becoming a trillion-dollar economy by strengthening infrastructure and connectivity.

Secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial Development and CEO Invest UP, Shri Abhishek Prakash addressed the workshop and made a detailed presentation on the Gati Shakti Master Plan. **He informed** that under the leadership of **Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Yogi Adityanath**, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a leading state in PM Gati Shakti and logistics ease. With these transformative initiatives and Ease of Doing Business (EODB), Uttar Pradesh has become a favoured investment destination.

The Gati Shakti initiative aims for seamless multimodal connectivity and holistic infrastructure planning across India, focusing on identifying infrastructure gaps and integrating data layers for better decision-making. Uttar Pradesh has integrated over 80 data layers for effective project planning and execution, achieving remarkable progress in infrastructure and connectivity.

Shri Abhishek Prakash noted that the integration of multiple data layers and ground-level mapping, with the assistance of GIS Mapping has enhanced the state's ability to identify industrial clusters at ground level. The state consistently ranks at the top in the Logistics Ease Across Different States

(LEADS) index under the Ease of Doing Business framework, supported by online platforms like Nivesh Mitra and Nivesh Sarathi.

Shri Pandhari Yadav, Principal Secretary of the External Aided Project Department, Science & Technology, underscored the importance of maximizing limited resources, ensuring data accuracy, and maintaining a dynamic, regularly updated databank.

Shri Ramesh Verma, Deputy Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India, lauded Uttar Pradesh as the leading state in the implementation of the Gati Shakti initiative. He also underscored the collaborative efforts required to optimize the initiative's impact for holistic development. Live demonstrations of applications such as PAHUNCH (Secondary Education) showcased the capabilities of the PM Gati Shakti SMP & DMP portals.

During the technical session, **Shri Sushil Chandra, Scientist at RSAC-UP**, highlighted the technical aspects of the PM Gati Shakti portal, focusing on seamless integration, new tool additions, and Invest UP's role in ensuring smooth functionality.

Shri Vinay Thakur, ADG of BISAG-N, emphasized the importance of seamless API integration, satellite-based education for rural areas, disaster management gap identification, and 3D modeling for better planning and data-driven decision-making, all contributing to accelerating infrastructural development under PM Gati Shakti.

Brig. Atul Kumar, SM, Director of UP Rajya Sainik Kalyan Evam Punarwas Nigam, shared valuable insights on PM Gati Shakti's impact, UP's Logistics Performance Index, the Defence Industrial Corridor, and industry mapping.

Shri Ajay Patel, Director of BISAG-N, demonstrated the PM Gati Shakti SMP & DMP Portal, highlighting its user-friendly interface, key benefits, and real-life case studies. He showcased how government departments have used the portal for efficient planning and execution, contributing to reducing India's logistics costs.

The workshop concluded with closing remarks by Shri Shildhar Singh Yadav, Special Secretary, Science & Technology, and Director of RSAC-UP, who summarized the key takeaways and outlined the future roadmap for PM Gati Shakti in Uttar Pradesh.
